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SUBJECT: KIM DAE JUNG TRIAL (REPORT NO. 15)
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1. (U) SUMMARY: IN THE MORNING SESSION OF THE KIM DAE JUNG TRIAL THE PROSECUTION ASKED FOR THE DEATH SENTENCE FOR KIM DAE JUNG, AND SENTENCES RANGING FROM 20 YEARS TO 3 YEARS FOR THE OTHER DEFENDANTS. THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL BE DEVOTED TO FINAL STATEMENTS BY DEFENSE COUNSEL AND THE DEFENDANTS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE ENTIRE MORNING SESSION OF THE KIM DAE JUNG TRIAL (M-R KIM TAE-CHUNG) WAS CONSUMED BY THE CHIEF PROSECUTOR READING FROM A PREPARED STATEMENT. HE SUMMARIZED THE EVIDENCE AGAINST KIM FOR ONE HOUR AND TEN MINUTES. HE SAID NOTHING NEW, MAINLY RECITING THE ACCUSATIONS IN

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THE INDICTMENT. HE PLACED CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS ON KIM'S ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN, READING AGAIN FROM NEWSPAPER ARTICLES. HE CONCLUDED BY BRANDING KIM AS AN OPPORTUNIST AND AGITATOR.

3. THE PROSECUTOR THEN MOVED QUICKLY THROUGH THE OTHER 23 DEFENDANTS, SPENDING AS MUCH AS FIVE MINUTES ON THE OTHER PRINCIPAL DEFENDANTS AND AS LITTLE AS 42 SECONDS ON ONE OF THE DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH A MARTIAL LAW VIOLATION KIM YUN-SIK (M-R).

4. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SUMMARY OF THE EVIDENCE, THE CHIEF PROSECUTOR REQUESTED SENTENCES AS FOLLOWS: (ALL NAMES M-R)
KIM TAE-CHUNG: DEATH; MUN IK-HWAN: 20 YEARS; YI HUN-YONG: 20 YEARS; YE CH'UN-HO: 15 YEARS; KO UN-TAE: 20 YEARS; KIM SANG-HYON: 15 YEARS; YI SIN-POM: 15 YEARS; CHO SONG-U: 20 YEARS; YI HAE-CH'AN: 15 YEARS; YI SOK-P'YO: 10 YEARS;

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SONG KI-WON: 15 YEARS; SOL HUN: 15 YEARS; SIM CHAE-CH'OL: 7 YEARS; SO NAM-TONG: 3 YEARS; KIM CHONG-WAN: 4.5 YEARS; HAN SUNG-HON: 4.5 YEARS; YI HAE-TONG: 4.5 YEARS; KIM YUN-SIK: 3 YEARS; HAN WAN-SANG: 3 YEARS; YU IN-HO: 4 YEARS; SONG KON-EC: 4 YEARS; YI HO-CH'OL: 4 YEARS; YI TAEK-TON: 3 YEARS; KIM NOK-YONG: 4.5 YEARS; (COMMENT: FOR SOME OF THOSE CHARGED WITH MARTIAL LAW VIOLATIONS, THE SENTENCE ASKED FOR WAS MORE THAN 3 YEARS, THE MAXIMUM PRESCRIBED SENTENCE. THAT IS BECAUSE THEY WERE CHARGED WITH MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS. END COMMENT.)

5. AFTER THE COURT WAS RECESSED SEVERAL FAMILY MEMBERS ATTENDING THE TRIAL BECAME VERY AGITATED AND SHOUTED AT THE PROSECUTORS, POLICE AND DEFENDANTS. SOME SARCASTICALLY

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SAID "WHY NOT DEATH FOR ALL?"; OR "ONLY FOUR YEARS?". THE KOREAN POLICE AUTHORITIES HANDLED THIS WITH RESTRAINT AND GENTLY URGED THE FAMILY MEMBERS TO LEAVE THE COURT-ROOM - UNDER THE WATCHFUL GAZE OF SEVERAL FOREIGN EMBASSY OBSERVERS AND PRESS.

6. THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH FINAL STATEMENTS BY THE DEFENDANTS, AND PERHAPS SHORT STATEMENTS BY THE DEFENSE COUNSEL. AS REPORTED REFTEL, THE DEFENSE WAS TOLD BY THE COURT TO SUBMIT THEIR FINAL STATEMENTS IN WRITING.

7. WE ARE NOT SURE WHEN THE VERDICT WILL BE HANDED DOWN. ALTHOUGH TWO OR THREE WORKING DAYS AFTER THE SUMMATION WOULD BE NORMAL.

8. RADIO SEOUL DOWNPLAYED THE REQUEST FOR SENTENCING, BRIEFLY REPORTING IT 22 MINUTES INTO THE NOON NEWSCAST.

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